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As a avid user, consumer, and developer of computer resources for the past twenty years, I strongly urge the Department of Justice to **reject** the current Microsoft settlement. Please seek to craft a much stronger resolution, not only appropriate to the crimes that they have already been found guilty of, but also **without** the current loopholes that allow the company to continue their monopolistic practices by redefining their primary development focus.

The current resolution specifically mentions 'Security' as a development focus that is immune to further disclosure. And, as has been leaked to the media, Bill Gates has already had the gall to officially recommend that this be the company's focus for the next phase of their software enterprises.

During the entire resolution of the case that you have brought before the courts, Microsoft has continued to flaunt its superior market position and wealth, purchasing rights and patents to software standards in broad areas. The only thing that has changed is their rhetoric and their massive public relations effort to appease the citizenry and appeal to the taxpayer that your efforts are wasteful. Such a response is appalling and a flagrant abuse of free speech to quench protection afforded to the average citizen provided by your offices.

Thank you for your efforts on this case to date, but I do strongly urge you to reconsider the current proposal for the health of the entire computer and information technology industry.

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